Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 16076 231836Z

64

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-05

L-01 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 NIC-01 ACDA-05 EB-04 SAJ-01 AGR-05 COME-00

SIL-01 LAB-01 /078 W

----- 094188

R 231230Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3747

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

USMISSION BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMCONSUL MUNICH

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMCONSUL HONGKONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 16076

1. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, UR

SUBJ: SUSLOV'S TASHKENT SPEECH

1. SUMMARY. SUSLOV'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH AT TASHKENT ON OCTOBER 22 WARNED AGAINST LOCAL NATIONALISM, TERMED THE NATIONAL HARVEST "NOT BAD," AND SAID THE COTTON CROP WOULD BE A RECORD. IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HE PLUGGED DETENTE WHILE CALLING ATTENTION TO ITS ENEMIES, FOREMOST AMONG THEM THE MAOISTS. ASIAN SECURITY IS MAKING PROGRESS DESPITE DIFFICULTIES. THE ECONOMIC CRISIS OF THE WEST IS PROMOTING THE FORTUNES OF COMMUNIST AND LEFTIST FORCES. PORTUGAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 16076 231836Z

GREECE ARE SEEN AS EXAMPLES OF THE INEVITABLE VICTORY OF THE

WORLD REVOLUTION ALTHOUGH CHILE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE VIOLENCE RESORTED TO BY REACTIONARIES AND FASCISM IN THE PRESENT CRISIS. END SUMMARY.

- 2. UZBEK 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN TASHKENT ON OCTOBER 22 WAS ADDRESSED BY POLITBURO MEMBER M.A. SUSLOV AND UZBEK PARTY LEADER RASHIDOV. TEXT OF SUSLOV SPEECH GIVEN IN CENTRAL PRESS, BUT RASHIDOV SPEECH EXCERPTED. ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES OPENED OCTOBER 21 WITH ARRIVAL OF SUSLOV, BELORUSSIAN PARTY LEADER MASHEROV, AND LENINGRAD LEADER G.V. ROMANOV. MILITARY PARADE ON OCTOBER 23 CAPS CELEBRATION.
- 3. SUSLOV MADE TWO MAJOR POINTS IN DOMESTIC SECTION OF SPEECH. HE OPENED WITH BLACK AND WHITE PICTURE OF UZBEKISTAN BEFORE AND AFTER THE 1971 REVOLUTION; ONLY NEGATIVE SECTION WAS WARNING AGAINST DANGERS OF NATIONALISM. HE REMARKED THAT NATIONALISM MAY APPEAR IN EXAGGERATIONS OR DISTORTIONS OF NATIONALITY DIFFERENCES, PAROCHIALISM, AND A NON-CLASS READING OF HISTORY. SUSLOV REPEATED BREZHNEV'S CHARACTERIZATION OF 1974 HARVEST AS "NOT BAD" AND SAID COTTON HARVEST EXCEEDS 1973 YIELD. HE STATED THAT UZBEK COTTON HARVEST ESTIMATED AT 5.1 MILLION TONS.
- 4. SUSLOV TOUCHED ON SEVERAL TOPICAL AREAS IN FOREIGN POLICY. HE REITERATED THE LINE ON MAKING DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE, AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE POSITIVE TENDENCIES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND FRANCE, USA, FRG, AND OTHER CAPITALIST STATES. COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA WAS SAID TO BE FINDING GROWING SUPPORT BY THE PUBLIC CIRCLES, AND THIS PROPOSAL IS ALLEGEDLY MAKING PROGRESS DESPITE THE COMPLEXITY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN ASIA.
- 5. AFTER REMARKING THAT THERE ARE "FORCES WHICH WOULD LIKE TO HALT DETENTE AND RETURN THE WORLD TO THE 'COLD WAR' DAYS," HINDER CONFIDENCE-BUILDING AMONG PEOPLES, SPREAD MILITARISTIC AND ANTI-COMMUNIST IDEAS, AND HINDER PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ACUTE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, SUSLOV STRONGLY ATTACKED THE MAOISTS. HE ACCUSED THEM OF ADVOCATING THAT REACTIONARY FORCES ADOPT A HARD LINE AGAINST THE SOVIETS, CALL FOR RETENTION OF MILITARY BLOCS, AND INTENSIFY THE ARMS RACE. SUSLOV CHARACTERIZED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 16076 231836Z

THE POLICY OF THE MAOIST LEADERS AS OPPOSED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE WHO, HE SAID, SOONER OR LATER WILL TURN THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR COUNTRY TOWARD A POLICY OF FRIEND-SHIP WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

6. SUSLOV SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE ECONOMIC CRISIS OF WESTERN COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT THE CLAIMS OF BOURGEOIS APLOGISTS THAT CAPITALISM HAD "GOTTEN ITS SECOND BREATH" HAD PROVEN

WRONG. CITING STRIKES AS PROOF OF LABOR UNREST, HE SAID THAT THE WORKERS' DESIRE FOR UNITY IS RISING AND THE POSITION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AND LEFTIST FORCES IS IMPROVING IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, HE WARNED THAT RESORT TO VIOLENCE AND TO INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURES WAS SEEN AS A WAY OUT OF THE SITUATION BY REACTINARY CIRCLES. CHILE WAS CITED AS THE NEGATIVE EXAMPLE OF THIS POSSIBILITY WHEREAS SUSLOV POINTED TO PORTUGAL AND GREECE AS PROOFS OF THE INEVITABLE VICTORY OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES OVER REACTION AND FASCISM.

- 7. COMMENT: SUSLOV'S VIEW OF REVOLUTIONARY PROSPECTS SEEMS A SHADE MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN WAS PONOMAREV IN WARSAW ON OCTOBER 16 (SEPTEL); AT LEAST HE REFERRED SOMEWHAT LESS DIRECTLY TO THE DANGER OF RIGHTIST POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DISINTEGRATION. NEVERTHELESS, THE DIFFERENCE IS CHIEFLY ONE OF NUANCE.
- 8. SUSLOV'S PERFORMANCE AT THE AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONIES WAS FOR HIM PRACTICALLY FLAMBOYANT. HE EVEN TROOPED THE FRONT RANK OF THE ASSEMBLED AUDIENCE AND SHOOK HANDS WITH THE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THE ATTITUDE TOWARD BREZHNEV EXPRESSED IN HIS SPEECH WAS MUCH MORE RESERVED AND CORRECT THAN THAT OBSERVED IN THE SPEECHES AT RECENT OCCASIONS AT WHICH BREZHNEV WAS THE STELLAR PARTICIPANT OR GUEST. HE REFERRED TO BREZHNEV ONLY ONCE BY NAME IN HIS SPEECH AND THAT WAS A QUOTATION ABOUT THE NEED TO TRAIN THE PEOPLE IN INTERNATIONALISM AND SOVIET PATRIOTISM.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994 Channel Indicators: n/a

Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Concepts: NATIONALISM, DETENTE, ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES, SPEECHES, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION

Control Number: n/a Copy: SINGLE Draft Date: 23 OCT 1974 Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960 Decaption Note: Disposition Action: RELEASED Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MOSCOW16076

Document Number: 1974MOSCOW16076 Document Source: CORE Document Unique ID: 00

Drafter: n/a Enclosure: n/a Executive Order: N/A Errors: N/A

Film Number: D740303-0309

From: MOSCOW Handling Restrictions: n/a

Image Path:

Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741023/aaaaatol.tel Line Count: 143 Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM

Office: ACTION EUR Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Original Handling Restrictions: n/a Original Previous Classification: n/a Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a

Page Count: 3

Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a Reference: n/a

Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED Review Authority: garlanwa Review Comment: n/a Review Content Flags: Review Date: 13 MAY 2002

Review Event:

Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 MAY 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <05 JUL 2002 by garlanwa>

Review Markings:

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier: Review Referrals: n/a Review Release Date: n/a Review Release Event: n/a **Review Transfer Date:** Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a

Secure: OPEN Status: NATIVE Subject: n/a

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, UR, (SUSLOV)

To: STATE

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005